

April 28, 2004

Mr. Christopher M. Crane  
President and Chief Nuclear Officer  
Exelon Nuclear  
Exelon Generation Company, LLC  
4300 Winfield Road  
Warrenville, IL 60555

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE BYRON STATION PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT  
MEETING ON APRIL 21, 2004

Dear Mr. Crane:

On April 21, 2004, a public meeting was held at the Byron Forest Preserve, between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Exelon staff. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss NRC's assessment of Byron's performance for the period of January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003.

Overall, as discussed in the Byron Annual Assessment letter dated March 4, 2004 (ADAMS accession number ML040641159), the Byron units were operated in a manner that preserved public health and safety. The Byron Units 1 and 2 were within the Licensee Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix, based on all findings being classified as very low safety significant and all performance indicators classified within the green performance band.

During the meeting, Mr. Kuczynski of your staff presented an overview of the performance accomplishments of 2003 and upcoming key events for 2004. Mr. Kuczynski also discussed the current top priorities for 2004. We encourage the station to pursue these priorities, particularly, focusing on safety, improving equipment reliability, and reducing radiological dose.

The meeting attendance list is enclosed. At the end of the meeting, questions regarding inspections at the Davis-Besse site were asked. The slides presented by the NRC and the licensee are available in ADAMS (accession numbers ML041190344 and ML041130543). Please contact me if there are any questions you have about this meeting at (630) 829-9729.

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Sincerely,

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Ann Marie Stone, Chief  
Branch 3  
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455  
License Nos. NPF-37; NPF-66

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                 Plant Manager - Byron Station  
                 Regulatory Assurance Manager - Byron Station  
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                 Vice President - Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
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Attendance List

Byron Performance Assessment Meeting

April 21, 2004

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Dennis Drawbaugh	Exelon
Don Goldsmith	Exelon
William Grundman	Exelon
Steve Kuczynski	Exelon
Ken Hansing	Exelon
Dave Hoots	Exelon
Bob Kartheiser	Exelon
Robert Kolo	Exelon
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